

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for driving a shaft, comprising:
gripping a first member and a second member with a user's first hand;
holding a handle of the shaft with the user's second hand;
turning said second member in a first direction, while still gripping said first member, so
as to rotate the shaft; and

releasing the user's grip on said second member while (1) rotating said first member in a
second direction, freely, without said first member ever rotationally engaging the shaft,
and simultaneously, (2) gripping and rotating said handle in the first direction so as to continue
to rotate the shaft; ~~and~~

~~repeating the aforementioned steps to drive the shaft as desired so that said first member
never rotationally engages the shaft.~~

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 ~~+2~~, further comprising the
step of releasing the user's grip on said handle of the shaft while the user is turning said second
member in a first direction so as to rotate the shaft.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 18 ~~+3~~, wherein the user
maintains a grip on said first member.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 ~~+2~~, wherein said handle is a
ratchet.

REMARKS

The Examiner asked that the Abstract be rewritten to conform with current rules and practice. In
response, a corrected abstract less than 150 words without legal phraseology has been included

with the amendment and response.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for renumbering the claims as 6-20, and that numbering has been preserved in this amendment and response.

The Specification was noted to have unclear, inexact or verbose terms. Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to understand that phrases that the Examiner finds confusing should merely be read as indicating that the numbered parts of the invention are referenced in various figures.

Claims 6-20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the term "a shaft" was not described in the specification. In response, Applicant kindly points out the that the following text, that includes the word shaft, is in the specification:

[0007] As heretofore described the invention provides the driver tool with a second handle that is both a guide and second drive-means combined in an assembly form for handling the said tool more efficiently, augmenting operation of the said tool, and increasing the distance the tool's shaft can be turned during application cycles.

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because claim 17, line 10, has the words "repeating that aforementioned steps." In response, claim 17 has been amended to delete the phrase "repeating the aforementioned steps to drive the shaft as desired so that said first member never rotationally engages the shaft." Claims 18-20 depend from claim 17, and thus, the above amendment affects them as well.

Claims 6-8, 11, 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (6,012,359). In response, claim 6 and claim 14 have been amended to read "a second member disposed adjacent and at least partially outside said first member...." The amendments are important because unlike Lin, the present invention has a second member that is gripped and so must be at least partially outside said first member. Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

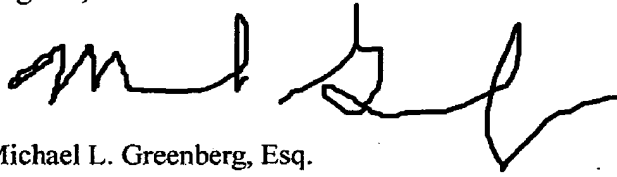
Claims 9, 10, 12, and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (6,012,359). These claims are believed to now be allowable because of the above amendment made to the independent claim 1 from which they depend.

The Examiner indicated that claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. As mentioned above, claim 17 has been amended to delete the phrase "repeating the aforementioned steps to drive the shaft as desired so that said first member never rotationally engages the shaft." Thus, the Applicant believes that claims 17-20 are now in condition for allowance.

A petition for a three month extension past the shortened statutory period for response is hereby made. Please charge all fees due and owing to deposit account number 500356 in the name of Greenberg & Lieberman.

and amendment.

Regards,

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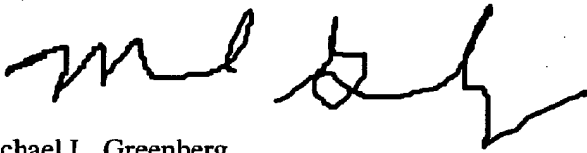
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